

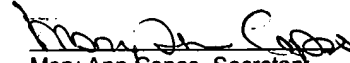
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In the Application of Norbert Apfel et al

Ser.No.: 10/026,099

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For: CUTTING BLADE FOR A MOTOR-DRIVEN, MANUALLY GUIDED  
IMPLEMENT

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Issac N. Hamilton

Customer No: 30996

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION DATED  
04/20/2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please consider the following  
remarks in the above-identified application:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.